



On Campus

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Capital campaign nears halfway mark toward \$1 million goal

Only 16 weeks since its inception, the Greenfield Community College Foundation's capital campaign

drive has received nearly half a million dollars in pledges to complete the purchase and renovation of the

"Downtown Campus" building at 270 Main Street, Greenfield.

According to campaign chairs **Jean Cummings** and **Channing L. "Joe" Bete, Jr.**, generous individual and corporate donations to date have helped speed the drive toward the halfway mark of the \$1 million campaign to buy and renovate the old Heritage Bank building, providing new classroom, office and meeting space for the college.

Area businesses and personal or "family" gifts are vying for position on the "top givers" list, says campaign director **Fred Rees**. "We are hearing wonderful things as these gifts come in, from the CEOs, who think GCC is the best thing to happen to Franklin County since electricity, to the personal, heartwarming stories."

In making a contribution on behalf of his business, for instance, **James H. Lunt**, president of Lunt Silversmiths, noted, "This is indisputably a worthy cause. It will bolster the educational base in Greenfield and make a strong institution all that much stronger. It will also create a vibrant force, both financially and culturally, smack in the middle of our downtown. What a shot in the arm! We couldn't be more pleased to participate in this project—and hope every other business in the region will follow suit."

In the heartwarming category came gifts like the "whopping" donation made by **W. Scott Keith, Jr.**, of Deerfield, in honor of his ex-wife. (It

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Larry Dean begins interim presidency September 29

Larry Dean will officially assume his new responsibilities as interim president of the college on September 29. The Board of Trustees of Greenfield Community College announced Larry's appointment at their August 24 meeting. **Kay Sloan**, who has been president of the college since 1988, is leaving to become president of North Hennepin Community College in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Larry has worked at GCC since 1980. He was director of financial aid from 1980 to 1984, when he was named registrar, a position he held until 1989. From 1989 to 1993, Larry was assistant dean for student records and research, when he was appointed to his current position, assistant academic dean for research and planning. Prior to GCC, he worked as a guidance counselor and social studies teacher at Turners Falls Junior and Senior High Schools from 1969 to 1980.

A graduate of Cornell University, he received his master of education degree from Westfield State College. Larry is a director of the Pioneer Valley Symphony, and has served as secretary and treasurer for the

Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association in Deerfield since 1985.

"I'm very pleased that Larry Dean will be the interim president," said **Charles Ramon**, chair of the board of trustees, in making the announcement. "His sense of leadership, dedication and sincerity, and his willingness to help the college out in whatever manner possible make him an excellent choice. I think he'll do a great job." Ramon said that the board hopes to name Kay Sloan's permanent successor "no later than" July 1, 1995. By prior agreement, Larry will not be a candidate for the permanent position.

"I look forward to the opportunity to help GCC through this transition period," Larry says. "It promises to be a busy and exciting period for the college, as we prepare to begin operating our new facility at 270 Main Street by the spring semester, complete our capital campaign, and introduce several new programs and greatly expanded academic computing capabilities."

"I hope to successfully shepherd these initiatives of Kay's to completion as we prepare for the energy and ideas of a new president sometime next year."



What's New

New appointments at the college, since the end of the spring semester:

Jean Boucias, coordinator of the emerging careers program, from acting director of the cooperative education program.

Jill Crooker, acting comptroller, from assistant comptroller.

John Chapman, maintainer.

Nancy Craig-Williams, assistant professor of nursing.

Bill Johnson, staff assistant for the president's office and public relations.

Aimee Poliatis, records secretary, office of enrollment and community services.

Pam Purdy, carpenter. She was previously a maintainer.

David Robert, painter. He was previously a trades worker.

Bob Schilling, associate professor of computer information systems, from director of information systems.

Judi Singley, instructor, recreation and leisure services, from coordinator of the emerging careers program.

Jean Battaglia became the college's director of human resources in July. She had worked as a consultant to small businesses and nonprofit organizations concerning matters related to personnel and labor relations since 1992, and previously spent eight years at Southern Connecticut State University as associate to the executive dean and associate to the dean of personnel administration. Her responsibilities at Southern Connecticut State included administering collective bargaining agreements and personnel policies, updating and reviewing personnel records and supervising the removal of physical, programmatic and attitudinal barriers to accessibility for persons with

disabilities. Jean earned both her bachelor's degree and a law degree from Boston College.

Banner news: A number of employees have been busy with the new Banner software system both on- and off-campus. At Mount Wachusett Community College's September 1 Professional Day, **Elizabeth Roop**, assistant to the vice president of academic affairs and student support, and speech professor **Fred Agnir** participated in panels on advisement and classroom action research, respectively. Presentations were also made by transfer coordinator **Rob Yacubian** ("Joint Admission Advising: Everything You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask"), psychology professor **Art Hannan** ("Title III Technology and Advising: So What?"), chemistry professor **Ana Gaillat** and math professors **Carol Pike** and **Peter Rosnick** ("Hot Issues in Academic Advising"), counselor **Sue McGowan** ("Advising the Underprepared Student"), and students **Seth Lustig** and **Jamie Bishop** and **Mirrless Underwood**, dean of behavioral sciences and learning support programs ("The Student Perspective").

Meanwhile, on campus a number of people are currently undergoing training for Banner in addition to their regular responsibilities. They are secretaries **Sue Belcher**, **Laura Earl**, **Linda Horta**, **Jan Rozak**, **Trudy Rucci** and **Janna Thompson** and EDP operators **Heather Hoyt** and **Deanna Lovett**.

The financial aid office started implementing Banner in July and hopes to go live in March with next year's financial aid applicants, says director of Financial Aid **Jane Abbott**.

This just in, from an anonymous source: "**Steve Budd**, grants writer extraordinaire and GCC's new

director of development, gave co-workers a clue as to why he's so darn successful when he was leaving a GCC Foundation Capital Campaign meeting at the new downtown campus in early September. As Steve and the others walked outside, they discovered it was pouring rain over the GCC parking lot ... while Wilson's Department Store and the rest of the area, just 50 feet away, were basking in the sun. Almost simultaneously, one member of the committee commented on the sun on the left, while another decried the deluge on the right. Steve, however, marched out with his face craned toward the sky, looking *expectant*. 'Rain here, sun there,' he mumbled. 'There's just got to be a rainbow around here somewhere!'

Now that **Bob Schilling** has returned to the faculty after serving as director of information services, a three-person coordinating team is heading information systems until a permanent director can be appointed. **Sylvia Carey** is now interim director of administrative and academic computing services, **Garry Longe** is coordinator of the media center and **Diane Mueller-Klingspor** oversees all activities related to installation of the Banner software system.

Computer operator **Dave Charbonneau** has been elected to Chief Steward of Unit 1, replacing **Jane Filkins**, who has retired. Dave also replaces Jane on the labor management committee and the labor management health and safety committee.

Director of Health Occupations **Margaret Craig** and nursing professor **Judy Kinley** attended the sixth annual Critical Thinking Conference at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in July. "We have requested copies of many of the papers

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that were presented and will be sending them around to those of you who may be interested," says Margaret. "It was a very valuable conference and we have a lot to share!"

Congratulations to adjunct physics instructor **Carol Harris**, who gave birth to a baby girl, **Gillian**, on August 10. Gillian weighed in at nine pounds, two ounces.

Trustee **Cynthia Lively** has been named secretary of the 1994-95 Professional Secretaries International board of directors. A GCC graduate, Cynthia has been executive secretary to the headmaster at Eagle Brook School since 1979. She is vice-chair of GCC's board of trustees and chairs its personnel committee

Louise Minks, coordinator of the Pioneer Valley Institute, and her husband **Ben**, who teaches an evening American literature course at GCC, have co-authored a new textbook for young people. *The French and Indian War* is part of the World History Series published by Lucent Books. It is the second book for young people they have co-written. The first was entitled *The American Revolution*.

Congratulations are in order for accountant **Karen Phillips** who gave birth to an eight pound, 11-ounce baby girl, **Katelyn Elizabeth**, on August 9.

John Pride, acting director of the physical plant, attended a conference sponsored by the Association of Physical Plant Administrators (APPA) in Denver, CO, August 21-26. The classes were held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, John says, "which caused some sore spots!"

"Many problems and answers were discussed pertaining to colleges

our size and larger," he says. "I found out that most of our problems are pertinent to any size establishment—just usually in a different proportion." A special tour of the Coors brewery was given to explain their use of manpower and machine operation. "The free samples were good, too," says John.

Director of Student Life **Merryl Sackin** has been elected vice-chair of the Greenfield Council on Aging.

Security Officer **Ann Sloan** successfully completed a Junior High School DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) training certification program this summer. Ann has taught the DARE program in the Sunderland, South Deerfield and Whately elementary schools for the past five years. "Ann is to be congratulated on her continuing efforts to reach our children through a program that has proven to be so successful," says director of Safety and Security **Val Knowlton**.

Switchboard Operator **Cindy Wheeler** successfully completed a two-day law enforcement dispatcher certification program held in Windham, ME, July 25-26. The course specifically addressed crisis response communications.

Rob Yacubian, coordinator of transfer, has been appointed to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Friends of the Fine Arts Center at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. The Fine Arts Center brings quality entertainment in all of the arts to the FAC Hall, Bowker Auditorium and the Mullins Center, "as many of us know in Franklin County," says Rob. He is the only representative from Franklin County and "wants us

not to be forgotten".

Rob reports that **Sharon Rogalski**, who transferred from GCC to Bentley College many years ago and is now manager of the Florence Savings Bank in Northampton, is also on the board. Rob will have to be more bright-eyed and bushy-tailed than usual for the 7:30 a.m. meetings in Northampton!

Catalog correction

Please note that there is an error in the final exam schedule published on page 143 of the 1994-95 college catalog. In the spring 1995 semester, on Tuesday, May 16, the second T-Th class should be 12:30-1:45, *not* 11:00-12:15.

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Send your calendar (meetings, deadlines, events) or news items (new appointments, promotions, awards, grants, published work, conferences, weddings, births and other personal and professional activities and accomplishments) to Bill Johnson or Russell Powell by the first Monday of the month for inclusion in that month's issue (October 3 for the October issue).

Jazzercise, aerobics among fall activities offered by fitness center

"Sources of financial benefit from a worksite exercise program include improved corporate image, facilitation of recruitment, increased quality and quantity of production, decreased absenteeism, lower turnover of employees, reduced health care costs and a lesser incidence of work-related injuries."

—Roy T. Shepard,
M.D., Ph.D.
Fitness in Business

The fitness center and Project Update (Use Prevention ... Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco Education) have a number of activities scheduled for the fall semester:

- Soccer is being planned for the fall as there seems to be high student interest, says **Jeff Coulson**, coordinator of fitness, wellness and athletics. There are already games scheduled and the team will have club status.

The first game was Wednesday, September 14, at Springfield Technical Community College. The remaining schedule is as follows:

Sun., Sept. 18 2 p.m. Home
Franklin County United

Mon., Sept. 26 3:30 p.m. Home
Berkshire Community College

Sun., Oct. 16 2 p.m. Away
Franklin County United

Mon., Oct. 17 3 p.m. Away
Berkshire Community College

Wed., Oct. 19 3:30 p.m. Home
Holyoke Community College

Fri., Oct. 28 3:30 p.m. Home
Williams College JV

- There are a number of new cardiovascular machines available in the fitness center.

- Fitness center hours for the fall semester are as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday
7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Fitness center memberships good now through August 31 are available for \$15 from **Bonnie Hoffman**. Family memberships, which include spouse/partner and children 14 years of age and older are available for \$25. Checks payable to GCC can be given directly to Bonnie.

- Project UPDATE and the fitness center are looking for student, staff and/or faculty volunteers to help with the Special Olympics and the Tour de Sol. The Tour de Sol involves the building of an alternative energy car and entering it in a "race". The "race" will come through Greenfield in May 1995.

- Jazzercise will be offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the mini-gym. The sessions will begin Monday, September 19 and will run up until exam week in December. The cost to faculty and staff is \$10 and people may attend as many sessions as they like. The fee can be paid directly to Bonnie Hoffman, who has a limited number of brochures about the program.

- An aerobics class taught by **Deb Porlier** will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the mini-gym. The cost to staff is \$10 for the ten-week session which begins Monday, October 3. The fee can be paid directly to Bonnie Hoffman.

Something new in safety: a bike patrol

The department of safety and security has added something new this year: a bicycle patrol. It will function in a manner similar to the cruiser patrol but with an emphasis on promoting the spirit of "community policing," says Director of Safety and Security **Val Knowlton**. Community policing, she says, is in part a concept that promotes an interactive, one-on-one approach to police-community relations. The department of safety and security welcomes a response to this program from the college community.

Dialing instructions for Holyoke-Springfield

To people who have direct dial telephone access, here are the new instructions for dialing the Springfield-Holyoke area:

Dial 7 + 8 + the seven digits.
DO NOT dial 1-413 for this area.

The prefix numbers for the Springfield-Holyoke area are listed on the front page of the telephone directory. All other numbers in the 413 area are to be dialed using 1-413 before the number, with the exception of the Amherst-Northampton area, which can be accessed by dialing 6, and then the seven digits.

Faculty begin Banner training in two programs with goal of improving advising

While a student survey completed last spring indicated general or very positive satisfaction with GCC's advising process, a survey of academic advisors reflected deep concern by faculty about improving advising. The introduction of the new Banner information system is expected to address the most evident of these concerns: timely access to information. On-line access to Banner will provide faculty with access to more information than previously possible while automating some of the routine clerical functions normally performed while advising students.

As many on campus may already know, during the fall semester, two academic programs, computer information systems and criminal justice, will serve as pilot programs for the integration of student goals into the student advising process and for the first introduction of on-line registration from faculty offices. Computer information systems faculty **Bob Schilling** and **Norm Muller** and criminal justice faculty **Gerry Richard** and **Stella Xanthakos** will participate in training to use Banner and serve on a faculty advisory committee that will

review program degree audits and student information system usage.

Information about student goals has been collected by GCC as part of the admission process for many years. The introduction of the Banner system will allow the college to integrate this information into the student records system for the first time. As part of the pilot program, students' "primary purpose of attendance" as queried on the college admission application will be noted in the student record for discussion with the advisor. As the pilot project progresses, members of the faculty advisory committee, pilot program faculty or others on campus may wish to suggest the addition of more categories to these goals statements.

Training for pilot faculty using Banner will occur in at least two stages. The first is basic training in what is called "navigation". Navigation teaches users how to move around within an information "form," or screen, or it allows users to go to a different form. In many cases, navigation for a specific process like registration will be a matter of moving through a fixed series of forms which

the Banner system will lead users through automatically, prompting them for information as appropriate. Entering information and practice for the on-line registration and advising process will be the subject of the second training stage.

As the college enters year three of its five-year Title III implementation plan, Component B of the grant will use Banner's features to assist faculty in improving the quality of student advising. The major improvements will come from the increased availability of information to faculty and students. For instance, as more faculty offices are wired for networked access to the mainframe computer, information on closed courses and seats available in open courses will be available to faculty. In the spring, student records, including biographical and demographic information and transcripts, will be available for faculty advisors. The potential for on-line degree audits will be developed with the consultation of program faculty so that an automated listing of coursework required to complete the intended degree is available.

Capital campaign nears half-way mark

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seems Keith and GCC Professor Emerita **Virginia Low** were wed for 17 years before going their different ways 30 years ago. Both remarried—and in recent years, both were widowed. "It's a way of honoring our rekindled friendship," reports Keith, who surprised Low with the gift a couple of weeks back.)

Phebe Elliott—one of the dozens of area citizens who agreed to solicit funds for the drive—said she was impressed by how responsive people have been when she has ap-

proached them about the campaign and how frequently they made truly substantial gifts to help the Foundation reach its goal. "Across the board, people in the Greenfield area hold GCC in high regard," she reported back to campaign headquarters. "People gave on this one with no reservations whatsoever."

Meanwhile, renovations are well underway at the new site and **Charlie Carter**, executive director of the Foundation, says things are even a couple of weeks ahead of schedule.

The old oil tanks have been

removed and replaced, three extraneous stairways have been removed and floored over to make space for community rooms and a faculty/student lounge; all of the interior partitions and ceilings are up and all the rough heating, air conditioning and electrical work is completed.

The last vestige of the "building-as-bank," the drive-up window, has been replaced with an office and the sheet-rocking on all three floors is being completed this month. If you're in the neighborhood, drop in for a look! Hard hats and paint brushes await you!

HEAR YE, HEAR YE, CITIZENS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY!

Are you concerned about what happens -- or doesn't happen -- to teens convicted of crimes, drunk drivers or perpetrators of domestic violence? Ever grumbled about how things would be different with the court system if anyone ever asked *you*? Well, somebody's asking.

Franklin County has recently been selected to take part in an experiment to "reinvent justice" in Massachusetts. Quite simply, the citizens of our county are being asked to come together in a series of "town meetings" and committees to devise a way, or ways, to make the justice system work. The eyes and ears of the rest of the state, and even the nation, will be upon us. (We were chosen because we're a small county where experimental programs, resulting from the suggestions you bring to the meetings, can be conducted with relative ease, and at lower cost, than they might elsewhere in the state. We were also chosen because key officials here -- judges, lawyers, district attorneys, court personnel and representatives from education, business, medical and social service agencies -- have agreed to take part in the experiment, on a volunteer basis.)

Please come to the meeting scheduled for your area and encourage your colleagues (or clients) to come, too. The success of the experiment depends totally on your participation and willingness to help envision and plan a court system that would be effective, efficient, and accessible to all. Meetings are scheduled as follows.

East County

(Orange, Athol, New Salem, Warwick, Wendell, Shutesbury, Erving)
Tuesday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Orange District Court

West County

(Shelburne, Buckland, Colrain, Charlemont, Heath, Hawley, Ashfield, Rowe, Monroe)
Wednesday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Shelburne-Buckland Community Center

South County

(Deerfield, Sunderland, Whately, Leverett and Conway)
Thursday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m. at So. Deerfield Elementary School

North/Central County

(Greenfield, Montague, Bernardston, Gill, Leyden, Northfield)
Thursday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Franklin County Courthouse

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